

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

**I. Status of the Claims**

Claims 1, 16, and 22 were previously canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

Claims 6-16, 20, and 23 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

Claims 2, 3, 17, 18, and 24 are amended to overcome the Examiner's objections. No new matter is added.

Claims 2-5, 17-19, 21, and 24 are pending.

**II. Acknowledgment of Allowable Subject Matter**

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 2-5, 17-19, 21, and 24. Applicant amended the claims per the Examiner's helpful suggestions and cancelled the withdrawn claims. Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance.

**III. Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment**

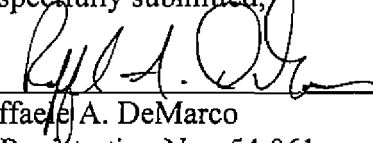
Applicant respectfully submits that the deletions that were identified by the Examiner in the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment as not being removed have been corrected herein.

**CONCLUSION**

It is believed, for the foregoing reasons, that the present submission satisfies the requirements under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111. Applicants respectfully submit that all rejections have been addressed and request the Examiner to enter the amendments and arguments from the June 14, 2007 response.

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Respectfully submitted,

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